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Breeders' Cup Returns to California

The Breeders' Cup comes back November 8 to Hollywood Park, where it debuted 13 years ago, and no one supports its return more than the California Horse Racing Board.

The CHRB believes the thoroughbred championship day should be held in California more often because, from racing and handle standpoints, California is the backbone of the event.

And whenever the Breeders' Cup comes to California — this will be the fifth time — the CHRB strives to make the celebration go as smoothly as possible. The Board has made detailed plans in the areas of licensing, security,



pre-race examinations, emergency veterinary treatment, wagering supervision, and race-day procedures.

Preparations actually began nearly two years ago, when the Board guaranteed Breeders' Cup officials that the required November 8 racing date would be allocated either to Santa Anita or Hollywood Park, whichever track they selected to host the event.

In more recent months, CHRB licensing personnel have been working closely with representatives of the Breeders' Cup, horsemen's organizations, and international racing interests on ways to streamline the licensing procedure. And as the championship day approaches, both the licensing of-

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

California is proud to once again host the Breeders' Cup — the single greatest day in racing each year, anywhere in the world.

Back when the championship day of thoroughbred racing was in its infancy, Breeders' Cup officials realized the importance of California to the event's continued success in terms of providing horses for the races and generating handle, so they scheduled three of the first four runnings in California (1984, 1986, and 1987). The event returned in 1993, and it will be run for the fifth time at a California racetrack when Hollywood Park serves as host November 8.

Predictably good weather is a plus for California, along with a solid fan base. The \$79,744,742 wagered nationally on the 1993 renewal at Santa Anita Park remains a Breeders' Cup record. (Even when the Breeders' Cup is run elsewhere, California still plays a vital role by providing about 15% of the total simulcast handle.)

Many factors go into being a good host for the Breeders' Cup, not the least of which is having a genuine interest in providing a grand showcase for racing to put on its best face for television viewers throughout the country. Hollywood Park's efforts for the inaugural running in 1984 might never be matched.

Cooperation from state regulatory agencies is another requirement for a successful Breeders' Cup. The CHRB has demonstrated its commitment for the program in many ways, such as making adjustments to regulations and addressing areas of concern with representatives of the Breeders' Cup and Hollywood Park.

The CHRB commissioners and staff offer their continued support for the Breeders' Cup, and look for its return to California in the near future.

Roy C. Wood, Jr.
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Jacqueline Wagner
CHRB Staff



The Legislature introduced 29 bills related to horse racing during the past session. Eight of those bills most significantly related to horse racing were passed, sent to the governor, and signed into law.

Governor Pete Wilson signed two urgency bills related to horse racing that both became effective during the year:

SB 20 — Chapter 2, Statutes of 1997 (Senator Ken Maddy) clarifies that owner premiums are based on the winner's share of the purse, rather than the total advertised purse.

SB 1144 — Chapter 457 (Senator Herschel Rosenthal) permits the Board to authorize harness racing associations to accept wagers on races conducted by the same association that conducts the Breeder's Crown Stakes, under specific circumstances, and provides a similar mechanism relating to the American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge.

Governor Wilson signed six bills significantly related to horse racing as non-urgency legislation, all to be effective January 1, 1998:

SB 26 — Chapter 65 (Senator Maddy) mandates that at least 10% of all stakes purses be dedicated to Cal-bred restricted stakes races.

SB 127 — Chapter 108 (Senator Ruben S. Ayala) permits an association or fair licensed to conduct quarter horse racing to conduct certain mixed breed races with the consent of quarter horse interests and provides other requirements for mixed races.

SB 220 — Chapter 451 (Senator Rosenthal) requires that at least 20% of the charitable contributions from charity racing days be made to charities associated with the horse racing industry.

SB 481 — (Senator Ralph Dills) removes a provision relating to the Pacific Quarter Horse Association, an obsolete association reference, and defines "eligible earnings" for purposes of the quarter horse breeding incentive program.

AB 951 — Chapter 180 (Assemblyman Bob Margett) changes the makeup of the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Committee to five members and one alternate, and specifies that the committee be comprised of members of the horsemen's organization representing standardbred horse-

men and members of the standardbred breeders program.

AB 1465 — Chapter 393 (Assemblyman Tom J. Bordonaro) appropriates 10% (instead of up to 10%) of all revenues distributed to racing associations for payment to the state as license fees from satellite wagering facilities located at fairs in the northern zone to the Department of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of purse supplementation, and provides that any remaining funds be used at fair meetings for purses.



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 – Quarter Horse Championship at Los Alamitos.
- 5 – Hollywood Park thoroughbred meet opens.
- 8 – Breeders' Cup at Hollywood Park.
- 19 – Golden Gate thoroughbred meet opens.

DECEMBER

- 4 – Committee meetings in Albany.
- 5 – Board meeting in Albany.
- 26 – Harness meet opens at Los Alamitos.
- 26 – Santa Anita Park thoroughbred meet opens.

JANUARY

- 21 – Bay Meadows thoroughbred meet opens.
- 21 – Committee meetings in San Mateo (tentative).
- 22 – Board meeting in San Mateo (tentative).

Breeders' Cup Information

Hollywood Park Information:

Address: 1050 South Prairie Ave.
Inglewood, Ca. 90301-4197

Located 11 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles; three miles east of LAX; Exit on Manchester Blvd. or Century Blvd. east from I-405 (San Diego Fwy.) or west from I-110 (Harbor Fwy). Exit Prairie Ave. north from I-105 (Glenn Anderson Fwy)

Switchboard: (310) 419-1500

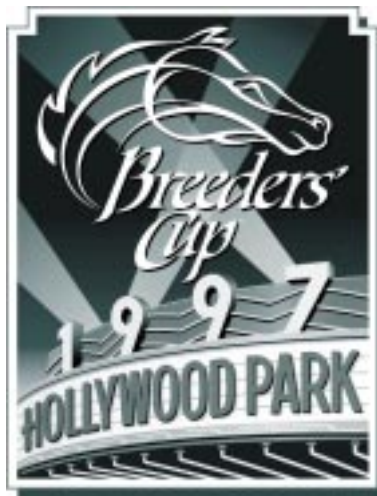
Race Information: (310) 419-1470

Track Information:

Main Track: 1 1/8 miles
Turf Course: One mile

California Simulcast Outlets:

Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton)
Antelope Valley Fair (Lancaster)
Barona Casino (Lakeside)
Bay Meadows (San Mateo)
Cal Expo (Sacramento)
Del Mar Simulcast Facility
Desert Expo Center (Indio)
Earl Warren Showgrounds (Santa Barbara)
Fairplex Park (Pomona)
Fantasy Springs Casino (Indio)
Fresno District Fair
Fresno Club One
Golden Gate Fields (Albany)
Kern County Fair (Bakersfield)
Lake Perris Sports Pavilion
Los Alamitos Race Track
Monterey County Fair (Monterey)
National Orange Show (San Bernardino)
Redwood Acres Fair (Eureka)
San Bernardino County Fair (Victorville)
San Joaquin County Fair (Stockton)
Santa Anita Park (Arcadia)
Santa Barbara County Fair (Santa Maria)
Santa Clara County Fair (San Jose)
Shasta District Fair (Anderson)
Solano County Fair (Vallejo)
Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa)
Stanislaus County Fair (Turlock)
Sycuan Band of Mission Indians (El Cajon)
Ventura County Fair (Ventura)
Viejas Casino and Turf Club (Alpine)
24th District Agricultural Association (Tulare)



Breeders' Cup Week at Hollywood Park:

Wednesday, Nov. 5 (Opening Day)

Post time: 12:30 p.m.; Gates: 10:30 a.m.

Breeders' Cup Fans' Dinner at the Hollywood Park Casino after the races

Thursday, Nov. 6

Post time: 12:30 p.m.

Gates: 10:30 a.m.

Breeders' Cup advance wagering begins at 12 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7

Post time: 12:30 p.m.

Gates: 10:30 a.m.

Breeders' Cup autograph session in Garden Paddock at 11 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Post time: 10 a.m.

Gates: 7 a.m. (Mutuels: 8:30 a.m.)

General admission: \$10

Race Schedule

- 1: \$100,000-added Desert Stormer
Fillies and mares
6 1/2 furlongs 10 a.m.
- 2: \$1-million BC Juvenile Fillies (Gr. I)
2-year-old fillies
1 1/16 miles 10:55 a.m.
- 3: \$1-million BC Sprint (Gr. I)
3-year-olds & up
6 furlongs 11:30 a.m.
- 4: \$1-million BC Distaff (Gr. I)
Fillies and mares
1 1/8 miles 12:05 p.m.
- 5: \$1-million BC Mile (Gr. I)
3-year-olds & up
1 mile on turf 12:40 p.m.
- 6: \$1-million BC Juvenile (Gr. I)
2-year-olds
1 1/16 miles 1:15 p.m.
- 7: \$2-million BC Turf (Gr. I)
3-year-olds & up
1 1/2 miles on turf 1:50 p.m.
- 8: \$4-million BC Classic (Gr. I)
3-year-olds & up
1 1/4 miles 2:35 p.m.
- 9: \$100,000-added Hollywood Prevue (Gr. III)
2-year-olds at 7 furlongs 3:10 p.m.
- 10: \$150,000-added Steinlen Handicap
3-year-olds & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf. 3:45 p.m.

fices at Santa Anita Park and Hollywood Park will be fully staffed and open during training and racing hours.

RULE WAIVERS

The Board authorized the issuance of short-term occupational licenses at one-third the usual fee for participants in the Breeders' Cup and those involved in the MBNA American Quarter Horse Championship to be held November 1 at Los Alamitos.

In other rule waivers, the Board authorized foreign horses to run without lip tattoos, on condition that other conclusive forms of identification, including a photograph, are provided to the satisfaction of the official horse identifier. And to help avoid nervousness in some of the horses, the Board will allow attendants to accompany the horses on foot during the post parade.

"Each time that we host the Breeders' Cup in California, we gain from the experience and do a better job the next time the event returns," said CHRB Chairman Ralph Scurfield. "Our goal is to put on the very best program possible, and to demonstrate that the Breeders' Cup should be run more frequently in California."

The inaugural Breeders' Cup was run November 10, 1984, in Inglewood. It returned to Hollywood Park, in 1987. Santa Anita Park hosted the event in 1986 and 1993.

"I'm extremely confident that California will showcase the Breeders' Cup again this year, and I'm looking forward to its immediate return to our state," said CHRB Vice Chairman Donald Valpredo.

STRONG VETERINARY TEAM

Pre-race examinations and emergency preparations relating to the Breeders' Cup always are a major priority. Working closely with Dr. George Mundy, who handles veterinary matters for the Breeders' Cup, the California veterinary team will be active in the stable area during all of Breeders' Cup week.

Heading the California veterinary team is Dr. William Bell, the official state veterinarian, who provides daily supervision of the Hollywood Park meet in conjunction with the association veterinarian, Dr. Ray Baran.

New to the team is Dr. Ronald Jensen, who recently joined

the CHRB as equine medical director (EMD), which is a joint program with the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. The EMD acts as an independent consultant to the CHRB on all veterinary matters, and provides guidance and support to Bell and the other official veterinarians in the field.

"During all of Breeders' Cup week, I will be working with Dr. Mundy and the other veterinarians on pre-race examinations, monitoring the soundness of every horse scheduled to run in the Breeders' Cup and trying to prevent as many racing injuries as possible," explained Jensen. "Pre-race soundness inspections vary from state to state and from track to track, but basically the horse is taken out of the stall, examined at a walk, jogged if necessary, and the limbs are palpated. It's important to have a running, continual record of each horse."

Introducing Dr. Ronald Jensen, New CHRB Equine Medical Director

Dr. Ronald Jensen, the newly appointed equine medical director (EMD) for the California Horse Racing Board, has stuck pretty close to home until now.

Born in rural Nebraska, he became interested in veterinary medicine when he was in the 4-H Club and a local veterinarian befriended him.

He attended the University of Nebraska, then Iowa State University, where he earned a master's degree in equine medicine and surgery. Beginning in 1963, he began general equine practice in the Chicago area, which led to work with the Illinois Racing Board. He was the senior state veterinarian at Chicago-area thoroughbred tracks for 23 years.

Following the death of Dr. Robert Jack last year, the CHRB and the University of California at Davis conducted an extensive search for a new EMD, which is a joint program between the Board and the School of Veterinary Medicine at Davis. They chose Jensen, whose credentials include membership on the board of directors of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities. He also serves as chairman of the Veterinary Advisory Committee to the RCI's Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee.

"I hope to be a good liaison person, a good communicator," explained Jensen. "I've always enjoyed a good working relationship with people in all facets of the industry — racetrack operators to grooms and hotwalkers to veterinarians.

"It makes perfectly good sense to me to utilize the resources of Davis and to determine areas where the expertise of the School of Veterinary Medicine can be of best use to the racing industry. Cooperation between the racetracks and the university is a logical way for us to approach many of our problems."



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BE OUR GUEST...



The California Horse Racing Board believes the best way to regulate an industry is to be fully informed. The CHRB regularly solicits input from the public and the horse racing industry, and this guest editorial page is one more forum for that purpose.

This guest editorial is provided by Breeders' Cup President D.G. Van Clief, Jr., who was an executive at Hollywood Park until he accepted the challenge of developing and establishing funding for the Breeders' Cup. He oversaw the inaugural running at Hollywood Park in 1984. Van Clief also serves as chairman of the board of Fasig-Tipton sales company and he is acting chief executive officer of the planning company for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. His family has a long and successful history in the racing business, and Van Clief continues to breed quality horses in his native Virginia.

This past year has proven to be an exciting time in Thoroughbred racing. It has been a year marked by achievements and one faced with challenges, but the continued growth and success of the Breeders' Cup Championship creates hope for an optimistic future.

History was made this year with the founding of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. The NTRA, comprised of leaders representing virtually the entire industry, is truly one of the most exciting opportunities for racing to both succeed and prosper.

For the third time in 14 years, Hollywood Park will play host to the Breeders' Cup Championship. The inaugural Breeders' Cup Classic at Hollywood Park was highlighted by the thrilling finish between Wild Again, Gate Dancer and Slew o' Gold, with the longshot Wild Again the eventual winner. At that moment, the Breeders' Cup became the focal point of the Thoroughbred racing calendar.

In 1987, Hollywood Park was the scene once again, as the world was treated to yet another heart-stopping Classic, as Ferdinand, with the great Bill Shoemaker aboard, nosed out Alysheba in a battle of Kentucky Derby champions. The Breeders' Cup Championship returned to southern California in 1993 at Santa Anita,

when French longshot Arcanques stunned the world with his 133-1 upset in the Classic.

Thrilling moments such as these have provided fond memories of our previous visits to Southern California. The Breeders' Cup looks forward to witnessing greatness on November 8.

The Breeders' Cup is proud to once again present racing fans with "Racing's Greatest Day," as the top Thoroughbreds from around the world will compete for more than \$11 million in purses and awards. We are honored to host the owners, breeders, media, corporate sponsors, NBC Sports and the loyal racing fans, all of whom have made the Breeders' Cup Championship such a global success.

In closing, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the California Horse Racing Board for their cooperation each time the Breeders' Cup Championship has come to California. The rule waivers and flexibility extended insures that all of the Breeders' Cup contenders — horses from across the United States as well as from around the globe — may perform on a level playing field in the true spirit of competition. It is this cooperation that will make the 1997 Breeders' Cup Championship and all future Southern California runnings a rousing success!

BREEDERS' CUP PRESENTS:

Bob Benoit, a respected figure in Southern California racing since 1949, and his talented associates, Rayetta Burr and Tom Abahazy, have shot the action at all four championship days in California, including the thrilling finishes of the 1984 and 1987 Classics.



1984

Juvenile Fillies: *Outstandingly
Jockey: Walter Guerra

Mile: Royal Heroine
Trainer John Gosden
Jockey Fernando Toro

Distaff: Princess Rooney
Trainer Neil Drysdale
Jockey Eddie Delahoussaye

* not a California-based horse

CLASSICAL PERFORMANCES — **Gate Dancer** (bottom right photo, earmuffs) bothered **Slew o' Gold** (center) and the winner, **Wild Again**, so was disqualified from second in the 1984 Classic. **Skywalker** (bottom left photo) upset **Turkoman** and **Precisionist** in the 1986 Classic. **Ferdinand** (top photo, rail) narrowly outfinished **Alysheba** in the 1987 Classic. **Arcangues** (opposite page, second from rail) pulled off a major upset in the 1993 Classic.



CALIFORNIA CLASSICS

Home-field advantage has played a huge role in past Breeders' Cups in California, where 13 of the 28 races have been won by locally run horses (two in 1984, three each in 1986 and 1987, and five in 1993). Winning California jockeys, trainers, and owners also are listed below.

1986

Juvenile: Capote
 Trainer D. Wayne Lukas
 Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr.
 Co-owner Eugene Klein
 Juvenile Fillies: Brave Raj
 Trainer Mel Stute
 Jockey Pat Valenzuela
 Owner Dolly Green
 Distaff: *Lady's Secret
 Trainer D. Wayne Lukas
 Owners: M/M Eugene Klein
 Classic: Skywalker
 Trainer Michael Whittingham
 Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr.

* not a California-based horse

1987

Juvenile: *Success Express
 Trainer D. Wayne Lukas
 Owner Eugene Klein
 Sprint: Very Subtle
 Trainer Mel Stute
 Jockey Pat Valenzuela
 Owner Ben Rochelle
 Distaff: Sacahuista
 Trainer D. Wayne Lukas
 Classic: Ferdinand
 Trainer Charlie Whittingham
 Jockey Bill Shoemaker
 Owner Mrs. Howard B. Keck

* not a California-based horse

1993

Juvenile: Brocco
 Trainer Randy Winick
 Jockey Gary Stevens
 Owners: M/M Albert Broccoli
 Juvenile Fillies: Phone Chatter
 Trainer Richard Mandella
 Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr.
 Distaff: Hollywood Wildcat
 Trainer Neil Drysdale
 Jockey Eddie Delahoussaye
 Sprint: Cardmania
 Trainer Derek Meredith
 Jockey Eddie Delahoussaye
 Turf: Kotashaan
 Trainer Richard Mandella
 Jockey Kent Desormeaux



Stewards Are Championship Team



PETE PEDERSEN

Pete Pedersen has been a steward at every Breeders' Cup in California, none more stressful than the inaugural running in 1984 when — before a national television audience — he and stewards Alfred Shelhamer and Hubert Jones disqualified horses in the Juvenile Fillies and Classic.

No one is better equipped to handle this kind of pressure than Pedersen, a former naval pilot who started working around California racetracks in 1946 and has been a fixture ever since. First appointed in 1948, California's senior steward knows all facets of racing and is widely recognized for his integrity and love of the sport.



TOM WARD

Tom Ward, who will be officiating his third Breeders' Cup, is a veteran steward with more than 25 years of experience working at almost every venue in the state and with every breed of racehorse.

Ward studied at Heald Business College and attended seminars on administrative law at Mills College. He feels fortunate to have worked alongside (and learned from) some of the most accomplished and respected stewards in the profession.

"I'm looking forward to this Breeders' Cup," said Ward, "and I hope the outcomes are decided on the race track, not by the stewards."



DAVE SAMUEL

Dave Samuel also has served as a steward at every Breeders' Cup run in California — in a supporting role for the first two, as the third officiating steward in the stand since 1987.

Samuel brings a great deal of related experience to the job. He worked for 13 years as assistant director of racing for the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, the largest fair meet in the country. Since 1978 he has worked as a racing official in a variety of roles.

Given his background, it's reasonable that Samuel has developed great rapport with horsemen and has an exceptional understanding of the racing game.

For A Championship Day

“There was a lot of pressure on us that first year, first the Fran’s Valentine inquiry, then Gate Dancer. The Classic was definitely a pressure one. It ranked right up there. I was very fortunate to be working with two ex-jocks, Shelly and Jonesy, who really understood the business.

“We had a roomful of people in the next day to review it — some of them screaming. Then Jack Van Berg walked in. He said even though he didn’t like it (the disqualification of Gate Dancer), in his opinion it was the right call and it had to be done. After that, there was nothing much the others could say.”

Pete Pedersen



DENNIS NEVIN

As the son of Everett Nevin, the revered California racing executive who has inspired many young people to pursue careers in horse racing, it was only natural for **Dennis Nevin** to wind up in the stewards’ stand.

After graduating from San Jose State University with a degree in philosophy/psychology, he opted for a racing career, first as an assistant racing secretary, then in various other positions as a racing official. He has spent most of the last 23 years officiating in Northern California, with occasional stints in the south.

Nevin will be stationed in the saddling paddock on Breeders’ Cup Day, assisting the regular panel of stewards.



JOHN WILLIAMS

John “Jack” Williams brings an important perspective to his role as a steward, having started out more than 50 years ago as a horse breeder, owner, trainer, and driver of his own public stable in the standardbred industry.

Williams closed his stable in 1973 and worked two years as a steward. The lure of competition drew him back to training from 1976 to 1984, then he returned to officiating.

His principal duties as an associate steward involve working closely with horsemen on medication issues and other matters in the workplace. On Breeders’ Cup Day, he will be stationed on the racetrack, in radio contact with the stewards in the stand.

Adding further strength to the extraordinary veterinary team is Dr. Dennis Meagher, another UC Davis faculty member and former EMD, who served as interim EMD until Jensen's arrival October 1.

"Pre-race evaluations are routinely performed every racing day on all horses entered to run at California racetracks," explained Meagher. "In the case of the Breeders' Cup, the evaluation process takes longer because the event brings together horses from all around the world, and the local veterinarians are not familiar with them. So, the initial evaluations are to gain familiarity with the horses.

"These examinations are ongoing — daily, during exercise, the morning of the race, with ongoing observation as the horses make their way to the receiving barn, to the saddling paddock, and to the starting gate."

TEAM WILL VISIT LOS ALAMITOS

Mundy, the senior state veterinarian for the Kentucky Racing Commission, and the veterinary team also will conduct daily pre-race evaluations at Los Alamitos on horses scheduled to run in the Quarter Horse Challenge Championship, which like the Breeders' Cup, brings together the best quarter horses from around the country.

Meagher further explained that, from an injury standpoint, two emergency teams headed by himself and Dr. John Pascoe, also of UC Davis, will be on standby with each of the two equine ambulances.

"In the event of an accident or injury, we will be immediately on the scene to assist Drs. Bell and Baran," said Meagher. "This will ensure the best possible care for the injured horse, who will be quickly transported to the Southern California Equine Foundation Hospital, which is a fully staffed and fully equipped equine hospital located right on the backside of the racetrack. At that point, care for the horse will be transferred to the horse's own veterinarian."

EXTRA STEWARDS ON DUTY

Once the championship day arrives, the racing activities won't lack for supervision. The regular panel of three stewards for the Hollywood Park meet will be supplemented on Breeders' Cup Day by two extra stewards, who will be stationed at critical locations throughout the day.

Stewards Pete Pedersen, Tom Ward, and Dave Samuel will remain in their stand on the roof of the grandstand, where a network of communications equipment and television monitors will provide them with complete control of racetrack activities.

Dennis Nevin, the senior steward from Northern California, will be stationed in the paddock. Associate Steward John Williams will be on the racetrack with the horses, along with Dr. Baran. Both Nevin and Williams will be in continuous radio or telephone contact with the stewards upstairs.

"Bringing in (extra help) allows the stewards to stay in one place, where they can handle any situation that arises."

Vice Chairman Donald Valpredo

"We've learned from experience that it's very difficult for the stewards to follow their usual routine and work their way through the large crowd as they go back and forth from their stand to the saddling paddock between races," explained Commissioner Valpredo, chairman of the CHRB Stewards' Committee. "Bringing in someone to stay in the paddock allows the stewards to stay in one place, where they can handle any situation that arises. Having yet another steward down on the track makes them even more effective."

SECURITY PLAN IN PLACE

Security always is a high priority with the Board, and CHRB investigators will be highly visible throughout Breeders' Cup week. Chief Investigator Robert Nieto will join Supervising Investigator Michael Kilpack and his staff in the field. The unit will be bolstered by personnel from Los Alamitos after the running of the Quarter Horse Championship the previous Saturday.

"We'll be accompanying Dr. Bell and the other veterinarians on their rounds," explained Kilpack, "and working with track security, we will step up enforcement at the gates. On Breeders' Cup Day we will be positioned at strategic locations, such as the paddock, receiving barn, jockeys' room, and pari-mutuel office. We will be in continuous radio contact with track security and the local Police Department."

WAGERING SYSTEM SECURE

The CHRB's auditing and totalizator management personnel have spent considerable time with representatives of the Breeders' Cup, Hollywood Park, and the totalizator company (Autotote), establishing pari-mutuel procedures and trying to anticipate and prevent as many problems with the wagering system as possible.

They put together a Breeders' Cup Wagering Overview pamphlet, which covers all aspects of the pari-mutuel and contractual process for those locations participating in the wagering on this year's Breeders' Cup.



Mixed Results at Fair Meets

By John Reagan
CHRB Staff

The Sonoma County Fair at Santa Rosa handled slightly more this year than in 1996. While on-track handle was down slightly, there were increases in off-track, interstate, and international totals. The 12-day format imposed by the Board continues to out-handle the prior 13-day format.

The Humboldt County Fair at Ferndale showed strong increases in handle, both on and off track, with the total handle up 21.6%. The 10-day meet had a strong increase in attendance as well.

The San Mateo County Fair at Bay Meadows experienced a 1% decrease in handle this year as compared to 1996. Attendance was also off at the racing facility, which is in the midst of an extensive remodeling/construction project.

Although the opening day of the **State Fair at Cal Expo in Sacramento** was rained out, the total handle for the meet was down less than one-quarter of 1 percent. Overall attendance at the 1997 State Fair was up substantially over prior years, which probably helped offset the loss of the opening day program.



AMERICA'S DAY AT THE RACES – Commissioner Robert Tourtelot (left), who was recently reappointed to the Board by Governor Pete Wilson, joined Public Information Officer Mike Marten at the CHRB information booth at Del Mar during the Labor Day celebration.

CHRB Sponsors Drug Research to Benefit Horses

By Roy Minami
CHRB Assistant Executive Director

In an effort to raise the comfort level for trainers and veterinarians when treating and caring for their horses, the Board recently approved funding for two research projects with the Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California, Davis.

The two projects will study the residual effects of methocarbamol and two anti-ulcer medications, ranitidine hydrochloride and cimetidine.

Methocarbamol is a drug compound marketed under the trade name of Robaxin. This drug is used as a muscle relaxant and is effective in treating muscle spasms. After administration, methocarbamol may be metabolized to form guaifenesin.

Guaifenesin, found in many cough-cold relief medications, is used to treat respiratory symptoms and may also serve as a muscle relaxant. When detected in urine, it is often difficult to determine whether the administration was Robaxin to treat muscular problems or if guaifenesin was administered to treat respiratory difficulties. In both cases, methocarbamol is a therapeutic medication routinely used for the care of horses.

This research project will provide important information

concerning the clearance time, residual levels after administration, and potential effects, if any, of methocarbamol on the horses during a race.

Like people, horses can develop gastric or stomach ulcers. Certain drugs are effective in decreasing the severity of ulcers in horses. Ranitidine and cimetidine, taken by humans under the trade name of Zantac and Tagamet, respectively, are used to reduce gastric acidity. It is believed that the effects of these two medications are limited to decreasing acid production in the stomach, and it is highly unlikely that their use alone could alter a horse's performance.

The study of these medications may provide valuable information on withdrawal time that will prevent interference with drug testing procedures, while allowing for the proper treatment of horses suffering from ulcers, and could provide the basis for the Board to establish decision levels that would permit treatment of horses in accordance with CHRB policies and regulations.

Dr. Cynthia Kollias-Baker and Dr. Scott Stanley are the experts with the laboratory who will head these studies.



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